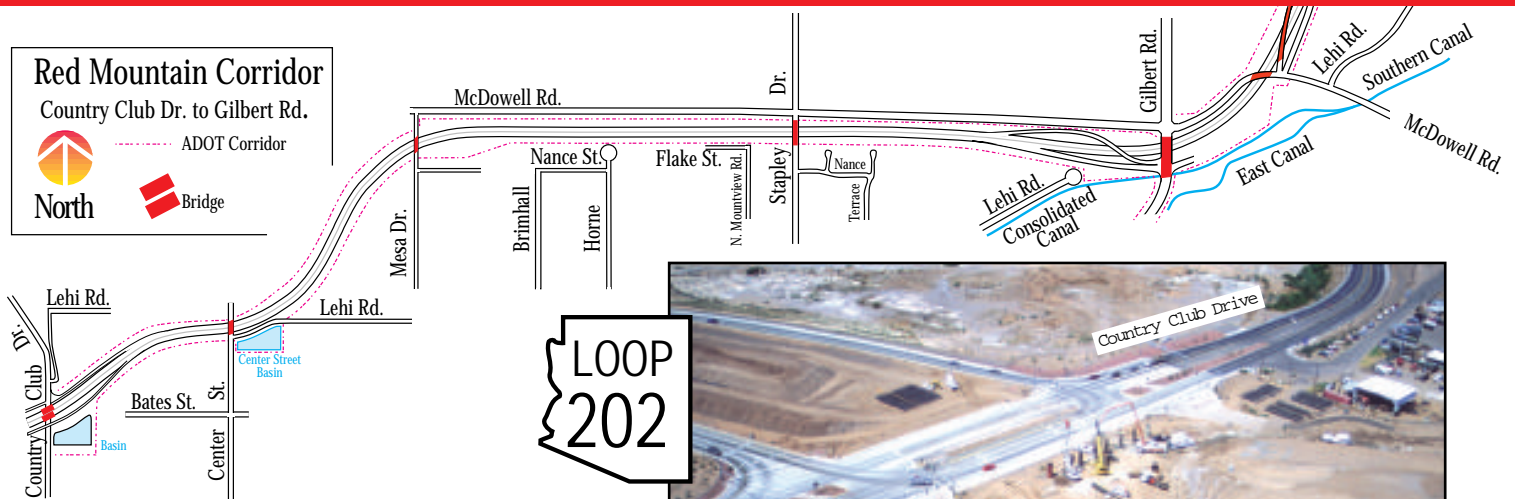


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TRANSPORTATION

RED MOUNTAIN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Dear Neighbor,

Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway construction between Country Club Drive and Gilbert Road is rapidly advancing. Initial work is focused on the massive excavations required for the 3.5 miles of depressed freeway and on bridge construction. Numerous utility relocations are also being completed by SRP and other private utility concerns. Work began in June under a \$58.9 million contract awarded to Pulice Construction, Inc., by the State Transportation Board.

Excavations to remove more than four million cubic yards of material from the corridor, and hauling to embankment sites along the Gilbert to Higley Road freeway segment, are the most significant challenges during our initial construction effort.

Temporary haul routes are required until archaeological clearances are obtained and various utility relocations can be completed. Later this year all hauling is expected to be restricted to the corridor. Until then, through various stages of early construction, motorists will encounter "flagging stations" at McDowell, Stapley and Gilbert roads which will allow haul trucks to safely cross these streets.

Full closures of Gilbert Road and of McDowell Road are also required for bridge construction, utility relocations and storm drainage improvements. Advance warning signs announcing these closures will be posted, providing motorists sufficient time to plan alternate routes. As detour routes are developed, every effort will be made to minimize potential inconveniences from increased traffic through neighborhoods.

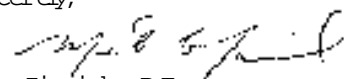
Excavation, and operations on site to crush selected material for future concrete production, requires extensive dust control. Excavation areas are being pre-wetted to deeply saturate soils and minimize dust, while water trucks are coating haul roads and monitoring crushing operations.



Key bridge work is progressing at Country Club Drive and at the Consolidated Canal where a new Gilbert Road crossing is being constructed. Traffic will be placed on a section of the canal bridge later this year. Work then begins to finish an underpass which will ultimately route haul trucks beneath Gilbert.

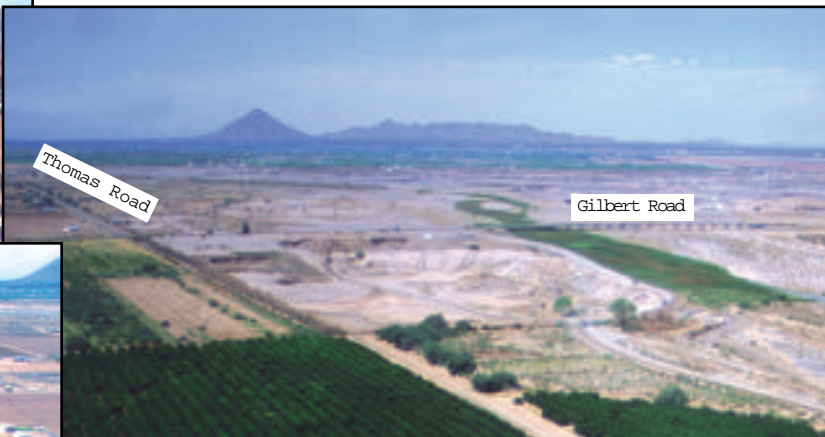
Traffic restrictions will be imposed soon for center pier construction for the bridge that will carry Loop 202 over Country Club Drive. Girders will be set between piers before the end of the year, requiring additional restrictions and closures. Once work is substantially complete on these initial bridges, work will begin on structures over the freeway at Stapley Road, Mesa Drive, Center Street and Gilbert Road.

As the freeway corridor is cleared, retaining walls and sound walls will also be constructed. Fencing will surround all these work zones, however we're requesting your cooperation by helping us to ensure that our construction site does not become a play area for children, of any age. Extreme caution is required during excavation and hauling operations as areas of work and routes change daily, sometimes hourly. Sincerely,


Mike Zimmick, P.E.
ADOT Resident Engineer



Gilbert Road

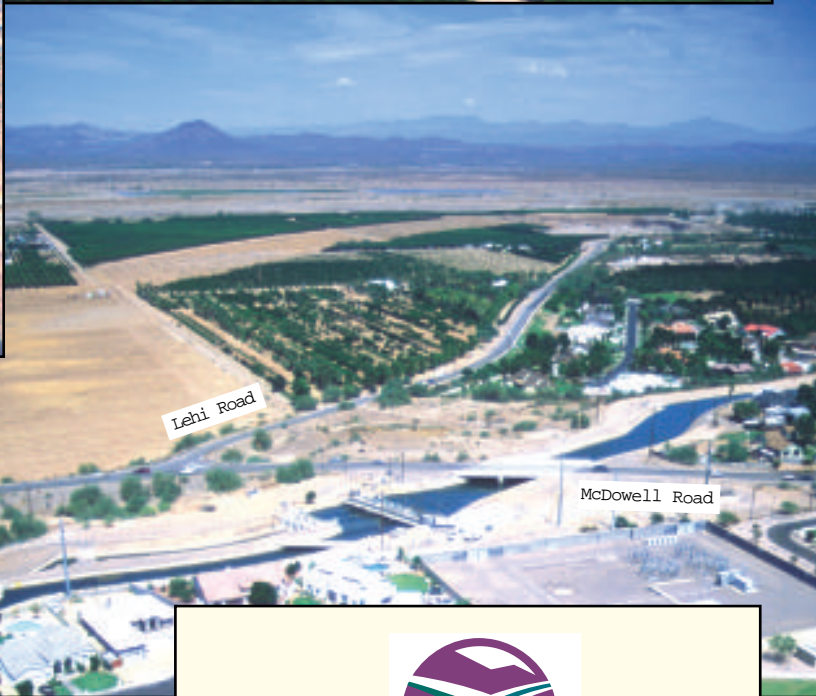


Thomas Road

Gilbert Road



McDowell Road



Lehi Road

McDowell Road



Mesa Drive

McDowell Road

Stapley Drive

Archaeological recovery, utility relocations and extensive excavations are under way west of Gilbert Rd. (Top Left). Much of the excavated material is being hauled north on Lehi Rd. to a massive pit near Thomas Rd. (Top Right). The corridor is just south of McDowell Rd. from m Gilbert to Mesa Dr. (Above) where it veers south to Lehi Rd. at Center St. (Below).



Center Street



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